Mr. President: Order, order. I took that point and I tried to make it clear. Apparently I failed. I shall try to make it clearer. Money has been spent wrongly in the sense that it was spent before this House voted the grant. Wheter the work was necessary or not is relevant to the question whether the House will now pass the vote for the money.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam)*: Assuming Sir, the work taken up by the Hon'ble Member for works was unsatisfactory it would not have been voted for by this House. What can the House do? The House can only refuse a grant which has not been incurred after a vote of this House. But the same argument now advanced by the learned President will then be available—after all amount has been spent.

Mr. President: No, no, sir. That argument will not be available if the money has been spent on a work which is not approved.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam)*: I venture to think that the principle involved in the matter is very very important. Now, after all, this is the 57th supplementary grant that is moved in this House and it is only on this grant we have taken objection to. It is because of the flagrant nature of the violation involved in the matter. It is only when the matter was raised by a discussion even the Diwan-President was appraised of the fact.

Mr. President: No, no, Sir. I knew it before.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam)*: It was only when we raised our protest on the matter that the Diwan President was reminded of the fact that large amounts were spent without a vote of this House. I think we are not given all the privileges of this House. That is why you were reminded of this fact that large amounts have been thus spent. Now what is the use of our emphatic protest if we do not reduce the matter to a vote and demostrate to the House how we feel about the matter? Unless we demonstrate to Government how we feel on this matter, how can Government know? This should never be repeated. Only if the House unmistakebly go to the extreme length of refusing this grant then only Government will understand. It is our duty to refuse a grant which has been incurred without its vote. That is the principle involved in this matter and it is on that principle that we oppose.

Mr. President: I do not wish to prolong the argument. I only wish to take up one point. The Hon'ble Member said the only way to give expression to their feelings on this matter is to refuse the grant. I disagree with them. That is one way of doing it. If that is the opinion of the House it is perfectly open to the House to take that line. But that is not the only way. I venture to suggest that the more effective way is to give their voice as they have already done to their feelings in this matter. I have already stated myself that I agree with them that it is wrong procedure and I will give a further undertaking that as far as I can I will see that money is not spent in this way or that works are not undertaken in this way before the vote of the House is obtained. I leave it there.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Now Government have explained the situation.

Mr. President: I do not think any further discussion is necessary. The Hon'ble Member is opposing and not moving a motion and an opposer has no right of reply.

Motion is declared carried.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: A pol', Sir.

Poll was taken 18 against and 14 for the grant.
Demand negatived.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Nutrals may be noted.

Mr. President: No, Sir.

58. 29-A—Civil Engineering—Communication—Maintenance

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 68,072 under "29—A—Civil Engineering—Communication—Maintenance".

The current year's allotment for the maintenance of roads including the lump provision made towards the tender excess amounts to Rs. 6,43,763 (individual provisions totalling to Rs. 2,43,763 plus Rs. 4,00,000 towards tender excess). But owing to the high tender rate prevailing now, this amount is found to be inadequate. Hence an additional amount of Rs. 68,072 is required for this year's payments. As the expenditure will have to be met this year itself, an additional allotment of Rs. 68,072 is necessary under "29—A—Civil Engineering—Communication—Maintenance".

Demand put and carried.

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